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**To:** [Kate Novak](#); [Nathanael Brown](#)  
**Cc:** [Laura Romin](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Request for Concurrence- Sigurd-Red Butte Greater Sage-Grouse Offsite Mitigation and Habitat Improvement Project  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 03, 2013 3:34:39 PM

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Thank you so much for finishing this up before the long weekend!

I agree this consult should have its own TAILS activity. I have a lot of the info on meetings, field trips, etc., so I will go into TAILS and add those as events. It may take me a week to get to it, but it is on my to-do list.

Thanks again Kate!

Amy

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**Sent:** Thursday, August 29, 2013 3:37 PM  
**To:** Brown, Nathanael  
**Cc:** Laura Romin; Amy Defreese  
**Subject:** Re: Request for Concurrence- Sigurd-Red Butte Greater Sage-Grouse Offsite Mitigation and Habitat Improvement Project

I just finished the section 7 NLAA letter for the Sigurd to Red Butte Mitigation Project (see the draft attached). I did not have time to go through TAILS, however, to see on if all the events for this consultation had been uploaded already or not. Also, was not sure if we needed a new TAILS # so this did not get confused with the section 7 for the actual transmission line. In any case here is the TAILS # for this informal (13-I-0190). Thus far (on this TAILS record) I have just uploaded the NLAA letter, the Final BA, and map. No other previous drafts or emails are loaded.

Let me know if you have questions or need me to do more in TAILS on this.

Thanks,

Kate

P.S. I will scan the signed letter and email over to Christine at BLM since they want it ASAP!  
Thanks Nathan, Amy and Laura for helping on this one.

On Tue, Aug 27, 2013 at 1:07 PM, Brown, Nathanael <[nathanael\\_brown@fws.gov](mailto:nathanael_brown@fws.gov)> wrote:  
Here is the new BA/letter from the BLM for the sigurd to red butte mitigation and habitat improvement projects for GSG and UPD.

I would just write them a concurrence letter with any/all/none of the following language-

We have reviewed your Biological Assessment for the Sigurd to Red Butte Greater Sage-Grouse Offsite Mitigation and Habitat Improvement Project. Based on the project description and the applicant committed conservation measures, we concur with your determination of "may affect, but not likely to adversely affect" the Utah Prairie Dog.

We applaud the BLM Cedar City Field Office for proposing a project that will mutually benefit the Utah prairie dog and the Greater Sage grouse, while simultaneously improving the overall range condition for domestic livestock and other wildlife species. We appreciate the high level of coordination involved during the development of this proposed project, and hope that we can duplicate this effort for similar future projects in the adjacent areas. This project will serve as a conceptual model for the co-management of Utah prairie dogs and Greater sage grouse. If you have any questions regarding our determination please do not hesitate to contact, Ecologist, Nathan Brown at 435-865-3763.

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From: **Pontarolo, Christine** <[cpontaro@blm.gov](mailto:cpontaro@blm.gov)>

Date: Mon, Aug 26, 2013 at 11:08 AM

Subject: Request for Concurrence- Sigurd-Red Butte Greater Sage-Grouse Offsite Mitigation and Habitat Improvement Project

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We request your concurrence with our findings on the Final Biological Assessment for the Sigurd-Red Butte Greater Sage-grouse Offsite Mitigation and Habitat Improvement Project.

Thank you for the dedication of your staff in assisting us with this project.

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